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AZARIAH ORTON AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Azariah, of Azariah, of Hezekiah,* of Samuel, of Litchfield, Conn., was born at South Farms, Litchfield, Conn., May 6, 1791, and died in Peoria County, Ill., on February 25, 1872. He married Harriet Hungerford, a daughter of Joseph Hungerford, at Harrington, Conn., January 1, 1817, and soon after removed to Camden, Oneida County, N. Y. Joseph Hungerford served as a private soldier with the Connecticut troops in the Revolutionary war. Azariah Orton, soon after his removal to Camden, N. Y., purchased a valuable farm, and just previous to 1836, when he came to Illinois, he had built a large frame house upon it. In Illinois he bought a farm about two miles east of Farmington, upon which he built a large and comfortable frame house which remained standing as one of the old land marks until about 1890. After his children were all married, he sold his farm and spent his last days with his son Dennis L. Orton.

Azariah Orton was a man highly respected in the community. He possessed a kind and generous disposition. He was an earnest Christian, having been an active member of the Methodist church for more than forty years. He was very talented as an exhorter, and was also endowed with a wonderful memory. His mind was a store-house of Scriptural quotations which served him well when speaking in public and was a great solace to him during the dark

*Hezekiah Orton, of Litchfield, Conn., married Ann Sedgwick, born in Farmington, Conn., Sept. 16, 1726. Ann Sedgwick was a daughter of Stephen Sedgwick and grand-mother of Azariah Orton, of Farmington, Ill. She belonged to the early colonial family, distinguished in law, literature and politics. Their first colonial ancestor was Major Gen. Robert Sedgwick, who came to Boston, Mass., in 1635, from Bedfordshire, England. He was appointed commander of the Massachusetts militia under Cromwell. Ann Sedgwick was a first cousin of Theodore Sedgwick, the eminent statesman and jurist. Major Gen. John Sedgwick also belonged to this family.

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hours of his life after he lost his eyesight. In many instances he was called upon to fill the pulpit in the absence of the minister, and in the early days was sent for to assist in conducting quarterly and protracted meetings at places from thirty to forty miles distant. He was a cotemporary church worker with Lorenzo Dow and Richard Haney, and often entertained them at his home. In politics he was a Whig, passing from that party to the Republican. He was a staunch abolitionist. He served as a private soldier at Sackett's Harbor in the war of 1812. In the dark days of the "Fugitive Slave Law" his home was known as one of the stations on the "Underground Railroad." He was a man of strict integrity, thrifty and energetic, sustaining well the Orton characteristics, and these cardinal traits of character are still well defined in nearly all of his descendants. He was possessed of a strong physical constitution and lived to be nearly 82 years of age. Some years before his death he became totally blind, from paralysis of the optic nerve. He was a kind father and greatly beloved by his children and grandchildren.

His wife, Harriet Hungerford Orton, died at the home of her son, Dennis L., July 1, 1871. She is held in grateful remembrance by her descendants as a worthy Christian woman, kind neighbor and devoted mother.

Azariah and Harriet lived to celebrate their golden wedding at the home of their son Dennis. This was a happy event, in which all of their children and grand-children participated. While none of his descendants have as yet become very distinguished, all of them, numbering one hundred and forty, are respected and law-abiding citizens. His father, Azariah Orton, served in the Revolutionary war as a private soldier with the Connecticut troops.

To them were born six children, as follows, all in Oneida County, N. Y.:

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Dennis Lyman, March 18, 1820.
Sarah Ann, November 25, 1821.
Sylvester Stacy, January 19, 1824.
Nancy Maria, September 29, 1826.
Mary Eveline, May 22, 1829.
Brainard Joseph, March 17, 1831.

Dennis Lyman Orton has been a successful farmer and has a genial disposition, abounding in wit and humor. He was married to Mary Simpson (born in Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 11, 1820) January 4, 1844, near Farmington, Ill. He bought a farm about two miles distant from his father's and made that his home for more than fifty years. It has now passed into the hands of his grandsons. Mary, wife of Dennis L., died February 21, 1894, at her old home near Cramer, Ill. Dennis L. is still living at this place with his grand-son, William S. Orton.

To Dennis L. and Mary were born six children, as follows,—all near Trivoli, Peoria County, Ill.:

Harriet, Nov. 1, 1844.
Matthew Simpson, Dec. 4, 1846.
Mary Emily, March 27, 1849.
Marjorie Ellen, Sep. 26, 1851.
Lizzie Nancy, June 15, 1855.
Wilber Brainard, Sept. 23, 1859.

Harriet Orton, oldest daughter of Dennis L., graduated from Eureka college, Eureka, Ill., June 30, 1870, and a few moments after receiving her diploma was married to Wm. Longfellow. Mr. Longfellow had also graduated from this college two years previous. He was born at Enochsburg, Ind., Dec. 30, 1842. He is a farmer living near Longmont, Col. To them were born three children, viz:

Joseph Orton, May 26, 1871, near Trivoli, Peoria County, Ill.; died at Longmont, Col., Dec. 25, 1898.

Lizzie M., born at Eureka, Ill., March 31, 1874; died Oct. 1, 1891, at Farlington, Kan.

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Melvin Earnest, born at Eureka, Ill., Aug. 12, 1879.

MATTHEW S. ORTON, oldest son of Dennis L., was married to Emeline Wade Feb. 22, 1871. To them were born three children, viz:

William Dennis, Dec. 20, 1872.
Esek David, July 20, 1874.
Loren Darius, April 15, 1876.

Matthew's first wife died May 22, 1881. He was married a second time on Sep. 17, 1884, to Elizabeth Ward. To them were born two children—Simpson W., Oct. 30, 1889; died on same date; and Lillian Estella, Feb. 6, 1893.

Matthew S. is a prosperous farmer living near Cramer, Peoria County, Ill. At the age of eighteen years, in Feb. 1865, he enlisted in Co. B Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, to serve in the war of the rebellion. His three sons are also farmers, living near Cramer.

WILLIAM D. ORTON was married to Bessie Sullivan Dec. 5, 1894. They have two children: Daisy Viola, born Oct. 22, 1895, and John Matthew, born March 10, 1898. Bessie S., wife of William D., died in August, 1899.

ESEK D. ORTON is a young man of good literary tastes and gifted in oratory. Upon more than one occasion he has spoken in public upon religious and political subjects, his efforts eliciting very flattering notice from the press.

MARY E. was married to Seth W. Farmer Apl. 7, 1870. Children were born to them as follows:

Margerie May, March 16, 1871.
George Isaac, Jan. 18, 1873.
Elizabeth Nancy, Dec. 21, 1876.
Rebecca Dorcia, Oct. 27, 1878.
Ida Lois, Sep. 16, 1880.

Mrs. Mary E. Farmer married for a second husband William Rodgers, in 1894. They live near Farmington, Ill. Of her children, George I. Farmer was married to Lillian Belle Hill, Feb. 8, 1894. They have one son—Clarence

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Warren, born Nov. 6, 1895. Margerie May was married to James J. Sevalley Dec. 24, 1890, who died Nov. 6, 1894. She was again married to Patrick Fenlon, Dec. 28, 1898. Their home is in Des Moines, Iowa. The other children, excepting Ida L., live in or near Des Moines, Iowa.

Lizzie N., youngest daughter of Dennis L., was married to Zadock Stevens at her father's home Jan. 22, 1872. She died near Trivoli, Ill., Nov. 21, 1880. They had one daughter, Gertrude, whose home is in Farmington, Ill.

Wilber B., youngest son of Dennis L. Orton, was married to Estella Maud Merchant (born Mar. 27, 1864, Farmington, Ill.) Feb. 8, 1882. They have two children: Lois May, born Oct. 29, 1883, at Iantha, Mo., and Lawrence M., born June 23, 1885, at Nickerson, Kansas. Wilber B. Orton is engaged in the grocery business at Farmington, Ill.

Sarah Ann Orton, oldest daughter of Azariah, was married to George W. Whitney in Peoria, Ill., August 10, 1839. They had five children, all born in Peoria County, Ill., as follows:

Adaline M., April 7, 1841.
Frances Marion, Aug. 8, 1844.
Clara Emeline, Nov. 2, 1849; died Nov. 10, 1870.
Mary Ellen, July 9, 1853.
Alice O., Oct. 2, 1857.

Mr. Whitney began life as a poor young man, and was a farmer until 1869, when he sold his farm and removed to Peoria, Ill. After that time his business was loaning money and investing in real estate, in which he was very successful. His wife died Feb. 24, 1880, of bronchial consumption. Mr. Whitney suffered a stroke of paralysis, and was an invalid for many years preceding his death, which occurred at his home Jan. 19th, 1900.

Adaline M. Whitney was married to William Mathis June 11, 1868. Two children were born to them, viz: Loyd, March 27, 1869; and Irene, Sep. 26, 1870; died March

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26, 1871. Mr. Mathis is a farmer. Their home is near Farmington, Ill.

Loyd Mathis was married April 30, 1890, to Lizzie Zook. They have two children: Orpha L., born Dec. 15, 1891, and Clare R., born June 28, 1893. Loyd Mathis is a farmer, owning farming land and personal property with his mother. They also live near Farmington, Ill.

Frances Marion Whitney was married Dec. 25, 1866, to Frank E. Chase, near Farmington, Ill. Mr. Chase was born in Canton, Ill., and is a descendant of William Chase, one of three brothers who came to this country in 1620, on account of religious persecution. They were Quakers, and some time afterward settled in Rhode Island. He is also a descendant of Samuel Chase, of Maryland, who signed the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Chase seems to have inherited a full share of the patriotic spirit which inspired his illustrious ancestor. During the war of the Rebellion he organized Co. D of the 132d regiment of Illinois Volunteers, and was appointed captain of the same. He was afterwards elected Major by the line officers of the regiment but was mustered out before receiving his commission. During President Grant's administration he was appointed postmaster at Chillicothe, Ill. He is a man of refined tastes and superior business ability, and has held many positions of trust. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have large real estate interests in Peoria and Warren County, Ill., Nebraska, and Denver, Col. Their home is in Peoria, Ill. They have two children, as follows: George Whitney Chase, born at Chilcothe, Ill., Feb. 4, 1868, and Lillian Belle, born at Peoria, April 5, 1875. Lillian Belle Chase was married to William F. Becker Dec. 27, 1899.

Mary Ellen Whitney was married Sept. 28, 1880, to George W. Dewbre, at Peoria. They had two children—Eva May, born in Peoria, Ill., May 24, 1881, died Sept. 29, 1899; and a son who died in infancy, Sept. 30, 1883. Mr.

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Dewbre died at Peoria June 18, 1883. On March 30, 1897, Mary Ellen Dewbre was married to Joseph Charles Barfoot. Their home is in Peoria, Ill.

ALICE O. WHITNEY was married to John Kallister Nov. 13, 1878. She died of consumption April 7, 1886. They had one child, Harry B., born Sept. 9, 1880. Mr. Kallister is engaged in the hardware business in Peoria, Ill. His son, Harry B. Kallister, is a young man of refined and promising character.

SYLVESTER STACY ORTON, second son of Azariah Orton, married Esther J. Martin, at her father's home near Farmington, Ill., April 29, 1852. To them were born eleven children:

Mary Josephine, March 29, 1853.
Julia Harriet, Aug. 28, 1854.
James Azariah, July 6, 1856.
Charles Alfred, Feb. 23, 1858; died Feb. 3, 1860.
Edward Martin, March 3, 1861; died Aug. 24, 1863.
Infant son, March 8, 1860; died on same date.
Frederick Sylvester, Oct. 13, 1863.
Charles Oliver, July 22, 1866.
Caroline Estella, Feb. 11, 1869.
Eleanor Hope, Feb. 18, 1872.
Henry Francis, June 5, 1876.

Sylvester S. Orton bought a farm near his father's, and, in 1851, built a stone house of five rooms upon it. Early in the 60's he added five more rooms to accommodate his large family, and in this home all of his children were born and reared. In 1894 he sold the old home, retired from farming, and erected a new home near his eldest daughter in Farmington. His death occurred Feb. 1, 1900, but his widow, being reluctant to break up the home, still continues to maintain it. Mrs. Orton's father's home was also known as one of the stations on the "Underground Railroad." Her mother, Julianna Roberts Martin, was a daughter of Judge Samuel Roberts, of Pittsburg, Pa., and a woman

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of rare mental ability. She was born and educated in Philadelphia, Pa., and her children were also born there.

Of Sylvester's children, Mary Josephine was married to Luther Hoadley Cone, of Farmington, Ill., Jan. 3, 1872, at her father's home. An interesting coincidence concerning these two families is worthy of mention. Mr. Cone's grand-father, Joseph Cone, came from Farmington, Conn., the town that our Orton ancestor helped found. Mr. Joseph Cone settled in Farmington, Ill., in 1834, and was given the honor of naming the town, which he named for his Connecticut home town. Luther H. Cone owns and lives upon a part of his ancestral acres. He is a man of refinement and highly respected in the community. He has held almost every position of trust in the gift of the people of Farmington upon school, town and church boards. Mr. and Mrs. Cone have an interesting family of five daughters and one son, as follows:

Mary Sophia, born March 27, 1875.
Bertha Inez, Feb. 3, 1877.
Julia Esther, Jan. 19, 1883.
Estella Eleanor, Aug. 24, 1885.
Luther Hoadley, June 14, 1888.
Nellie Marguerite, June 13, 1894.

Mary Sophia Cone was married Aug. 23, 1893, at her father's home, to Walter S. Hart. They have one son, Henry Hoadley. born July 14, 1894. Mr. Hart owns a farm near Farmington, Ill. He is an enterprising farmer, and has good family connections. He is a lineal descendant of a brother of Henry Hudson, the explorer, and his father's sister married a first cousin of Admiral Dewey. He is also a cousin of the distinguished Frances Willard.

Julia Harriet Orton was married at her father's home, July 13, 1881, to Henry Clay Jordan, of Burlington, Iowa. Mr. Jordan's parents were among the pioneer settlers of that place. They came from Virginia to Burling-

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ton, Iowa, in 1837, and made it their home until the time of their death. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Jordan live in Burlington, Iowa, and their home is located about two blocks from the historic spot known as Black Hawk rock. From this rock, Black Hawk, the Indian chief, is said to have addressed his "braves." It is situated in one of nature's halls, well adapted for his councils of war. Mr. Jordan has for many years been connected with the large wholesale furniture establishment of Chittenden & Eastman Company, of Burlington, Iowa, and in which he has recently acquired a moderate financial interest. Mrs. Henry Clay Jordan received a part of her education at the Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.

James Azariah Orton died of fever, near Pawnee City, Neb., Oct. 2, 1881.

Frederick Sylvester Orton was married to Clara May Jack, May 10, 1893, near Farmington, Ill., at her father's home. He is a thrifty farmer living near Storm Lake, Ia. They have three sons, as follows: Francis Oliver, born June 16, 1894; Edwin Clare, born July 22, 1896; and Jack Sedgwick, born March 7, 1899.

Charles O. Orton was married to Johanna Madsen, near Deer Grove, Ill., Aug. 17, 1898. They have one daughter, Irene Eleanor. Charles is also a farmer, their home being near Ames, Iowa.

Caroline Estelle Orton was married June 27, 1889, to George W. Downs, at her father's home. She died Feb. 5, 1890.

Eleanor Hope Orton, youngest daughter of Sylvester S. Orton, was married at her father's home Jan. 1, 1895, to George Andrew Connell. They have two children—Mary Ethel, born March 18, 1896, and Gilbert Martin, born April 6, 1898. Mr. Connell owns and lives upon a farm near Farmington, Ill.

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HENRY FRANCIS ORTON, youngest son of Sylvester, has been engaged in farming, but is not permanently established in business.

NANCY MARIA ORTON, second daughter of Azariah and Harriet Orton, was married to Levi P. Wilson, Jan. 13, 1848, near Farmington, Ill. He was the son of Eli and Julia Wilson, and was born at Camden, N. Y., July 16, 1822. His great-grandmother was Abigail Buckingham, a descendant of the Duke of Buckingham, who was allied to the house of Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Wilson lived near Farmington until 1855, when they removed to Prairie City, Iowa. At this place they entered 320 acres of land adjoining the town, which proved to be one of the most valuable farms in that locality. They lived upon this place until their death. Nancy Maria died Dec. 29, 1879, and Levi P. Wilson died April 15, 1896. To them were born nine children, viz:

Alva Fremont, Dec. 6, 1848, at Farmington, Ill.
Eva Metella, June 23, 1850.
Henry Sylvester, Feb. 15, 1851.
Julia Maria, Aug. 1, 1855.
Charles Eli, July 30, 1856.
Harriet Melissa, June 2, 1859.
Frank Lewis, Feb. 25, 1862; died March 11, 1862.
Emma Adeline, July 16, 1864.
Minnie Estella, May 23, 1869.

Of the above, ALVA FREMONT WILSON was married on March 15, 1877, at Prairie City, Iowa, to Birdie Winfrey. Children were born to them as follows:

Nellie, June 25, 1878.
Elva, June 17, 1881.
Clarence, Feb. 24, 1885.
Ray, Aug. 16, 1889.
Ralph, Feb. 2, 1891.
Vera, Feb. 6, 1894.

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Alva F. Wilson is a prosperous farmer, living near Wolfe, Mo.

Eva Metella Wilson was married to James Francis Leeds, Nov. 26, 1886, at Prairie City, Iowa. They are living near Turon, Kansas, on their farm.

Henry Sylvester Wilson was married to Inez L. Hale May 2, 1876, at Prairie City, Iowa. They live near Wolfe, Mo., and he is a thriving farmer. Children born to them are:

William Henry, Feb. 26, 1877.
Frederick Levi, June 20, 1878.
Bertie Charlie, Aug. 17, 1880.
Laura May, Jan. 7, 1882.
Edna Isabel, Feb. 23, 1886.
Glenwood Sylvester, Jan. 19, 1888.
Minnie L., July 15, 1890.
Hazel Nancy, Sep. 11, 1892.
Ettie Laura, Sept. 1, 1894.
Eva Matilda, April 23, 1896.
Earl Devoe, Dec. 24, 1897.

Of the above, William H. Wilson was married to Mabel Swayne, Dec. 25, 1898. They are living on a farm near Delmont, South Dakota. They have one daughter, Hazel Blanche, born April 9, 1899.

Julia Maria Wilson was married to Ed. A. Parker, Nov. 7, 1877, at Prairie City, Iowa. They are now living on their farm near Hotchkiss, Col. They have three children, as follows:

Walter, born April 2, 1879.
Frank, Jan. 5, 1881.
Clarence, May 1, 1883.

Charles Eli Wilson was married to Alice Gifford, Sept. 12, 1883. They have four children, namely:

Harold, born June 21, 1886.
Florence, Feb. 22, 1888.
Donald, May 1, 1890.

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Earnest, Nov. 9, 1892.

Charles E. Wilson is a prosperous farmer living near Prairie City, Iowa.

HARRIET MELISSA WILSON was married to Walter Adair March 28, 1883. They live on their farm near Centerview, Col. They have two children—

Eva, born Jan. 30, 1884, and

Lea, born Sept. 17, 1889.

EMMA ADALINE WILSON was married to Jacob A. Rovaart, Oct. 30, 1889, at Prairie City, Iowa. They have one daughter, Elva, born Jan. 4, 1896. He is a successful merchant in Delmont, So. Dakota.

MINNIE ESTELLA WILSON was married to Charles C. Woodard, Sept. 29, 1897, at Prairie City, Iowa. Mr. Woodard is Cashier of the bank in Prairie City, Iowa.

MARY EVELINE ORTON, third daughter of Azariah and Harriet Orton, was married to Isaac Steenburg, March 5, 1850. To them were born five sons and one daughter, all at Farmington, Ill., excepting Ira, who was born in Henry, Ill.,—as follows:

Ira, born July 2, 1851.

Arthur, Aug. 18, 1854; died Aug. 6, 1855.

Arthur Orton, July 17, 1857.

Alfred Charles, March 19, 1859.

Frank Lincoln, March 19, 1861.

Alice Clara, April 16, 1865.

Mr. Isaac Steenburg began life as a poor young man. He was one of the pioneer school teachers of Illinois, is a man of good business ability and great energy, which, united with his wife's thrift, secured to them a well earned competence early in life. He retired from active business (farming) about the year 1882, and since that time Mr. and and Mrs. Steenburg have spent most of their winters in Gainesville, Fla., and their summers in Farmington, Ill.

Of their children, IRA was married to Eliza J. Wilson

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Feb. 2, 1876, near Farmington, Ill. They have had two sons, viz: Ira Cecil, born Oct. 30, 1876, died Nov. 2, 1881, at Pawnee City, Neb.; and Arthur Clyde, born Feb. 22, 1879. In early manhood Ira Steenburg was a successful school teacher. He is at present an enterprising farmer. They live in Farmington, Ill. He owns a farm one mile from Farmington, and a comfortable, modern home in the town.

A. CLYDE STEENBURG is a promising young man of fine business ability. He is a clerk in the Littlewood & Steenburg bank at Farmington, Ill.

ALFRED CHARLES STEENBURG was married to Alice Gertrude Welch, Jan. 1, 1885, at Farmington, Ill. They have two sons, Alfred Welch, born Dec. 31, 1891, and Walter Carlyle, born July 22, 1896. Mr. A. C. Steenburg has been engaged in the banking business in Farmington for many years, and is very successful. He also owns large tracts of land in Indiana and other real estate in Illinois. Mrs. A. C. Steenburg was, previous to her marriage, a successful school teacher, and for several years the Superintendent of the schools of Farmington.

ARTHUR ORTON STEENBURG was married to Jennie W. McMullen, Dec. 25, 1878, near Farmington, Ill. They have one daughter, Ruby May, born April 25, 1883. Mr. A. O. Steenburg was a farmer until 1884, when, on account of failing health, he removed to Gainesville, Fla., and engaged in the wholesale and retail hardware business, which he continued for years with marked success. He is now engaged in the real estate business.

FRANK LINCOLN STEENBURG was married to Lillian Uella Goshen at Farmington, Ill., Nov. 22, 1882. To them were born two daughters: Eleanor Lillian, at Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 27, 1893, and Pauline, born at Farmington, Ill., Sep. 2, 1895. Mr. Frank L. Steenburg is a public spirited, enterprising citizen and successful business

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man. He is actively engaged in stock buying and shipping. He also owns a farm and one of the finest modern homes in Farmington.

ALICE CLARA STEENBERG was married to Dr. T. F. Thomas, at Gainesville, Fla., April 15, 1886. Their home is in Gainesville. Dr. Thomas was born at Gainesville, Fla., in 1860. He graduated with high honors at East Florida Seminary, at the age of nineteen, after which he immediately entered the Baltimore, Md., Medical College. In May, 1882, he graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, ranking fifth in a class of 170, and received the appointment of resident physician in City Hospital. He practiced medicine in Gainesville, Fla., until 1894, when on account of failing health he abandoned his practice and engaged in the hardware and furniture business in the same town. To T. F. Thomas and Alice were born three sons, as follows: Oscar H., April 17, 1887; Ralph W., Aug. 8, 1888; Philip I., Dec. 3, 1893. Philip I. died April 26, 1894.

BRAINARD JOSEPH ORTON, youngest son of Azariah and Harriet Orton, was married to Eliza Rebecca Tuttle, Oct. 10, 1852, at Trivoli, Peoria County, Ill. He lived on his father's farm one year, when he bought a farm of 160 acres near Munson, Henry County, Ill., to which place he moved in 1853. To them were born six children, as follows:

Alice Laura, July 17, 1854.
Edith Amanda, Dec. 30, 1856.
Frank Brainard, March 3, 1859.
Hattie May, July 21, 1860.
Mary Angie, July 5, 1866.
Roy Louis, July 27, 1873.

His wife, Eliza R., died at Munson, Aug. 12, 1875. He was married a second time to Mrs. Amy Bates. This proved to be an unhappy marriage, and resulted in a divorce. On Feb. 22, 1887, he removed to Hazelton, Kansas, taking his youngest son with him. At that place he bought a farm

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and began life anew on the frontier. Like all of the Ortons he possessed untiring energy, as is exemplified by the following incident: At the age of 62 years, on Sept. 16, 1893, he, with his son Frank, made the run on horseback into the Cherokee Strip, and each secured a claim. On July 8, 1891, he was married to Mrs. Brown, of Peoria, Ill., and they are now living with his son Roy at Driftwood, Okla.

Alice Laura Orton, oldest daughter of Brainard, was married to David B. Lemley, at her father's home near Munson, Ill., Oct. 10, 1875. To them were born two children—Guy B., Sept. 28, 1876, and Jennie E., Aug. 24, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Lemley lived in Saylesville, R. I., for some time, but removed to Melrose, Kas., in 1881. At the latter place Mrs. Lemley died, Sept. 26, 1882, and her son, Guy B., also died there, Oct. 2, 1882.

Jennie E. Lemley graduated from the high school of Columbus, Kas., and is now teaching in the school at that place. Jennie E. Lemley is a third cousin of President McKinley, through her grand-mother Lemley.

Edith A. Orton was married to Zadock P. Stevens May 16, 1882. To them were born two children, viz: Rolland F., Sept. 14, 1883; died Jan. 16, 1886; and Nellie E., born April 1, 1885. Mrs. Edith A. Stevens and daughter are living in Greenfield, Iowa.

Frank B. Orton began farming for himself in Henry County, Ill., in 1880. In 1882 he removed to Rice County, Kas., where he purchased 160 acres of land. Since that time he has made many changes, and is at present located at Kiowa, Kas., and owns a valuable nursery at that place. He was married to Lucinda Catherine Crouse, April 11, 1886. They have had two children—Howard Clyde, born June 16, 1891; died on same date; and Gertrude Leota, born Sept. 13, 1896.

Hattie May Orton was married to Onslow Stevens, March 3, 1881, near Trivoli, Ill. They have two children,

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viz: Maud Angie, born April 8, 1886, and Ray Onslow, born Sept. 26, 1891. Mr. Stevens is an enterprising farmer and a man highly respected in his community. He has held various positions in Trivoli township, and is at the present time serving his second term as Township Treasurer. They live near Cramer, Ill.

Mary Angie Orton was married to Albert L. Richardson, Feb. 22, 1887, at Trivoli, Ill. The have three children, as follows: Guy Alto, born Jan. 2, 1888; Blanche May, born March 13, 1890, and Lottie Glen, born Aug. 21, 1891. Mr. Richardson was a farmer until the past year, when he gave up farming on account of poor health, and moved to Peoria, Ill.

Roy Louis Orton, youngest child of Brainard Orton, was married to Pearl Vanmeter, Nov. 28, 1894, at Hazelton, Kas. They are now living on their farm at Driftwood, Okla. They have had three children: Alice May, born Aug. 25, 1895, died soon after; Gladys, born Aug. 15, 1896; and Eunice May, born Jan. 11, 1899; died July 28, 1899.

This completes the list to the present time of the descendants of Azariah and Harriet Orton.

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AN ACCOUNT

OF

HIRAM ORTON,

OF

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AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

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HIRAM ORTON AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Hiram, fifth son of Darius (1760), was born in 1811, and twice married. The name of his first wife was Sarah. The name of his second wife was Sarah E. Merwin, to whom he was married in 1837. Of this union there were born seven children, viz: Miles (1838), Dennis (1840), Hattie (1843), Lester (1846), Irena (1848), Celestia (1851), R. Z. (1853).

Hiram began life as a sailor on the Great Lakes at the age of sixteen, and continued in that business until he was thirty-two, when he removed from Erie County, Pa., where his wife and family had lived, to LaPorte County, Ind., where he engaged in tavern keeping until 1853, when he again moved, this time going to Portage City, Wis., where he engaged in the circus business. He had his children all trained for the profession and raised them in that business. None of them is in that business now, however, but Miles, the oldest son, and his family.

In traveling with his show he was much pleased with the farming lands of Iowa, and took up a considerable tract of land in Dallas County, in the central portion of the state. When later a railroad came through, the station, in which he kept the first store and was post master, was named Ortonville. Two daughters and one son still reside there, and one son lives at Adel, the county seat of Dallas County. Hiram died in 1884, at the home of his son Miles in Norris, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, now included in the city.

Miles, oldest son of Hiram (1811), was born in Erie Co., Pa., in 1838; was twice married, first to Mrs. Mary A. Cole in 1862, second to Miss Elizabeth Hayes in 1879. His second wife has borne him two sons—Norman, born in 1881,

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and Myron, born in 1884. Miles is still in the show business, but his home is in Detroit, Mich.

Dennis, second son of Hiram (1811), was born in Erie County, Pa., in 1840. He married Miss Maggie Brockway, at Independence, Iowa, in 1864. Two sons were born to them—Orville D., born at Adel, Iowa, in 1864; and Dennis, born in 1869, and died in 1870. Dennis acquired a large tract of land near Adel, which he left to his wife and sons, but he continued in the show business until his death from small pox in 1870.

Orville D., only remaining son of Dennis (1840), resides in Chicago.

Hattie, oldest daughter of Hiram (1811), was born in Erie County, Pa., in 1843. Married Thomas Mann at Independence, Iowa, in 1864. To them were born eight children—Nettie, Irene, Hiram, Maggie, Sadie, Thomas, George and Dennis. They reside at Ortonville, Iowa.

Lester, third son of Hiram (1811), was born in LaPorte County, Ind., in 1846. In January, 1875, he married Miss Laura Fisher Marsh, oldest daughter of Captain Isaac Day Marsh and Selina Fisher Marsh. To them three children were born—Frank, in November, 1875; Olive, in May, 1877, and Alice, in July, 1884. Frank is at home engaged in farming; Olive at Cedar Falls at school; and Alice still attending school at home. Lester has acquired considerable land in Dallas County, but has now retired from active farming, and lives on a small tract of 35 acres a half mile west of Adel, the county seat.

Irena, the second daughter of Hiram (1811), married Hiram R. Marcyes in 1868. In 1882 she married Albert Harris. She never had any children.

Celestia, third daughter of Hiram (1811), married James Moore in 1867. She died in Texas, in 1872, leaving no children.

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R. Z., fourth and youngest son of Hiram, was born in Portage City, Wis., in 1853. Married Sarah Mericle in 1887. To them have been born: Criley (1888), Lawrence (1889), Miles (1891), Grace (1892), Bayard (1895), Nellie (1897). R. Z. owns a farm near Ortonville.

Orville D., son of Dennis (1840), was married to Carrie Boak, of Adel, Iowa, in St. Louis, in 1887. To them two sons were born—Renard, in 1888; the other died in infancy.

Miles has raised a number of children in the show business that are no relation whatever, who still go by the Orton name, as Leon, Jessie, Claude, Eugene, Albert, Burney, Gordon, and others, who might be mistaken for Ortons.

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